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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

VALLETTA FOR AMB YOUNG AND MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MISSION TO LUANDA

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1. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT STATE 023830 CONSTITUTES GREENLIGHT
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TO REFTEL RECOMMENDATION THAT I BE AMONG THOSE AMBASSADORS FROM
LAGOS DESIGNATED TO MAKE SWAPO PITCH TO NETO, I HAVE MADE ALL
NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS EXCEPT ANGOLAN VISA, WHICH I
ASSUME CAN BE HANDLED OR FINESSED BY FRENCH CHARGE' IN LUANDA.
AM ENDEAVORING CHECK OUT IN APPROPRIATE MANNER WITH GARBA,
AS I WOULD NOT WISH TO LEAVE POST WITHOUT HIS KNOWING IN ADVANCE.

2. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE FRENCH TEXT OF WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. EVEN BETTER WOULD BE PORTUGUESE TEXT IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE. PORTUGUESE VERSION WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE A TEXT APPROVED BY THE FIVE AS VERBATIM OFFICIAL. I COULD TELL NETO THAT IT WAS MERELY AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION PROVIDED AS A COURTESY AND TO FACILITATE HIS REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS. WITH OR WITHOUT A PORTUGUESE TEXT I WOULD STILL WISH TO HAVE FRENCH TEXT WITH ME FOR PRESENTATION TO HIM AND FOR USE IN OUR CONVERSATION, WHICH MAY BE BEST CONDUCTED IN FRENCH WITHOUT COMPLICATION OF INTERPRETATION. TEXTS COULD BE CABLED EMBASSY MADRID FOR MY PICKUP (OVERNIGHT THURSDAY) OR EMBASSY LISBON FOR MY TRANSIT THERE (FOUR HOURS ON FRIDAY: 11:20 TO 15:30).

3. IN EVENT NETO UNABLE TO SEE US SATURDAY MORNING BUT COULD DO SO THAT AFTERNOON, EVENING, OR SUNDAY, I HAVE MADE FALLBACK TICKET ARRANGEMENTS TO DEPART LUANDA FOR LISBON ON ANGOLAN AIRWAY SUNDAY NIGHT AT 2330 HOURS. IN THAT CASE, MPROBABLE ONWARD TRAVEL FOR QUICKEST RETURN TO LAGOS WOULD BE DEPART LISBON 0945 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, ARRIVE LONDON 1210 ON PORTUGUESE AIRWAYS. DEPART LONDON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 1100, ARRIVING LAGOS 2205 ON BRITISH CALEDONIA.

4. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER FALLE SAYS LONDON IS CHECKING WITH OWEN AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD ACCOMPANY ME. GERMAN AMBASSADOR DROEGE SAY BONN ACCEPTS FALLE AND EASUM FOR LUANDA AND INSTRUCTS HIM TO STAY BEHIND IN LAGOS FOR THE PRESENTATINN OF THE PROPOSALS
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TO MEA. CANADIAF HIGH COMMISSIONER LEGAULT SOON TO BE ACCREDITED TO LUANDA WANTS VERY MUCH TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESENTATION TO NETO BUT HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS AS YET. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS NO INSTRUCTION AND DOESN'T CARE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

5. FOR MADRID: SPANISH VISA IN HAND. WOULD APPRECIATE AIRPORT ASSISTANCE AND HOTEL ROOM FOR TOMORROW NIGHT FEBRUARY 2. ARRIVING ON IBERIA 962 AT 1540, DEPARTING FOR LISBON AT 1110 FEBRUARY 3 ON PORTUGUESE AIRWAYS 703.

FOR LISBON: NO VISA REQUIRED. WOULD APPRECIATE AIRPORT ASSISTANCE ARRIVING LISBON 1120 FEBRUARY 3, DEPARTING 1530 ON ANGOLAN AIRWAYS.
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